

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 901

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Latise Jones of Macon County for meritorious service.

WHEREAS, over much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the Volunteer State because it has been the home of so many valiant men and women who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Latise Jones, a nurse manager at Macon County General Hospital in Lafayette, who on February 5, 2016, responded with bravery and valor when her community was devastated by an F3 tornado; and

WHEREAS, having gone to bed early that evening as they planned to leave on vacation the next morning, Latise Jones and her husband were awakened as an F3 tornado raced through the local area; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones soon received a frantic phone call for help from a fellow nurse whose husband had broken his back when their mobile home had been destroyed; and

WHEREAS, in a utility vehicle, Mrs. Jones and her husband carefully navigated the streets, now littered with fallen trees and downed powerlines, in search of the mobile home. After twenty minutes, they located the nurse and her family and transported them to an ambulance for treatment; and

WHEREAS, continuing their efforts, Latise Jones and her husband returned to the devastated area and carried fifteen badly injured residents to waiting ambulances within the first ninety minutes of the storm; and

WHEREAS, in the finest tradition of the nursing profession, Mrs. Jones would later that evening return to Macon County General Hospital where she worked throughout the night; and

WHEREAS, a true asset to the State of Tennessee, Latise Jones served her community with courage and gallantry, and deserves proper recognition for her heroism that day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Latise Jones of Macon County for her heroic actions on February 5, 2016, to provide medical assistance to those harmed by the storm, offer our thanks for a difficult job well done, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.